

GM Corner

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then a screen saver is too many to count. Young students from across the State will submit their own artwork for the 2nd annual Secretary of State's screen saver contest.

The winners of the contest will have their artwork compiled into a screen saver and offered to people from across the world.

Many great ideas such as this will be shared at the 2008 partner summit, on March 26th. Agencies networking and sharing their many online successes will foster new and creative online services, assuring citizens, Nebraska continues to be a leader in eGovernment.

Brent Hoffman

Nebraska Spirit Art Contest Begins!

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale and Nebraska.gov are sponsoring the Nebraska Spirit Art Contest for elementary school students.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are encouraged to submit artwork that shows why Nebraska is such a great place to live, work and play.

The winners from each grade will have their work featured on a downloadable computer screen saver for one year.

"We want students to use their creativity to promote our great state," Gale said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Nebraska to the world through the Internet."

Entry details are available at www.nebraska.gov/contest. The contest began March 3, and entries must be postmarked by May 2.

Five finalists in each grade will have their artwork posted on Nebraska.gov, and the public will have an opportunity to vote and select the winners. Finalists also will have their work displayed in the State Capitol.

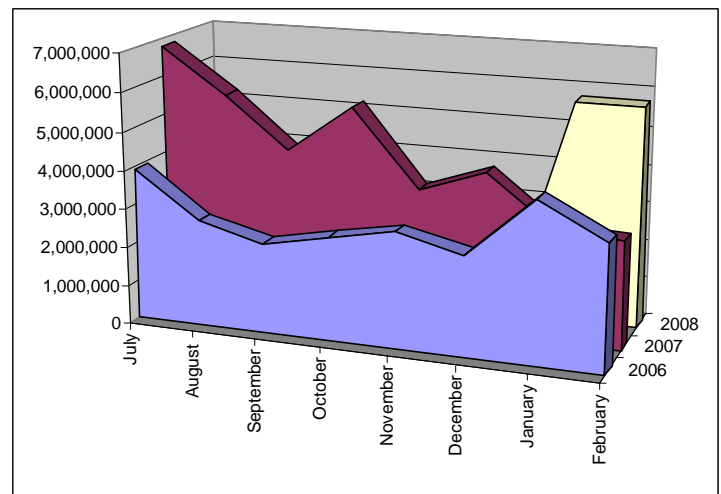
The winners will be invited to a day of activities in Lincoln on June 6, including a ceremony with Sec. Gale and Gov. Dave Heineman, a tour of the Capitol, a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion and an outing at the Lincoln Children's Zoo.

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MAKING the GRADE

Portal Visit History



Visits to Nebraska.gov

Month	Year	% Change 2007
February	2008	51.4%

% Network Uptime	Average Response Time
99.711%	1.26 seconds

Services in the SPOTlight

Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission – Electronic Filing of B-4 Form

The Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, in partnership with Nebraska.gov, has developed a system that will allow Independent Committees or PACs to submit their campaign statements directly to the Commission website.

The committees will have the opportunity to file their campaign statements online rather than complete the paper form. A campaign statement discloses a committee's campaign receipts and expenditures. The new system will be more efficient by eliminating the need for committees to manually relist previously disclosed information. Another benefit of the online form is the ability to prevent certain mathematical errors. Totals will be calculated automatically by the system.

"The new online reporting system will save valuable time for the committees and the Commission," said Frank Daley, the Executive Director for the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. "Facing a busy election year, the Commission is excited about the new possibilities that this application will provide. By having the committees submit their campaign statements electronically, the Commission can make this information available to the press and public in a matter of hours."

In the next phase of its plan, the Commission will provide for the electronic filing of Form B-7, a form by which corporations, unions and other associations report campaign contributions. It should be available within the next several months.

Funding for these projects has been provided by a grant from the Nebraska State Records Board.

Governor's Award of Excellence in Wellness

The award was created to encourage all businesses in Nebraska to offer wellness and health programs for their employees.

There are four different award levels:

1. The Sower Award/Level #1 for businesses with fewer than 50 employees.
2. The Sower Award/Level #1 for businesses with 50 or more employees.
3. The Grower Award/Level #2 for businesses with fewer than 50 employees.
4. The Grower Award/Level #2 for businesses with 50 or more employees.

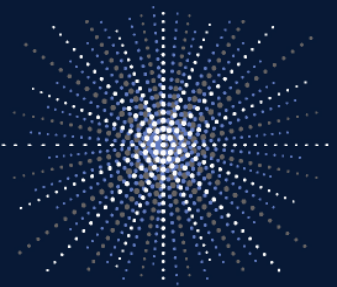
The Sower Award is intended to be a stepping-stone to the Grower Award. There is no cost to apply, and any applicant who meets award qualifications will be recognized.

All award recipients can choose to receive a certificate in the mail or may be recognized publicly at one of three wellness council banquets. In addition, award recipients will be listed on the State of Nebraska website. Local newspapers will receive a list of award recipients on a periodic basis, and sample media releases will be provided in award packets.

This was a joint project between the Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division, the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department, and the Office of the Governor in coordination with Nebraska.gov.

Nebraska.gov Partner Event - **PLEASE COME AND STOP BY!!!**

Nebraska.gov Partner Event 2008 Efficient, Effective, eGov Solutions Online



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Date & Time

Wednesday, March 26
10am-3:00pm

Who

Agency Heads and Directors
IT Managers
State Legislators
Other Government Leaders
Associations
Lobbyists

What

This year's Partner Event is focused on the vision of Nebraska's eGovernment efforts and to Showcase Agency Services

Where

Nebraska State Capitol
Building
1st Floor Rotunda
1445 K Street

Why

To inform citizens and businesses about Nebraska.gov services and jump start your agency's eGovernment initiatives

We hope you can come...

This will be Nebraska.gov's first Partner Event. We are very excited to help showcase our partner's eGovernment solutions!

We hope that this event will help 'jump start' Efficient, Effective, eGov Solution initiatives throughout the state. Nebraska.gov is focusing on the future and how to continue to best serve the needs of the State of Nebraska. On March 26, Nebraska.gov will be holding the Partner Event in the rotunda of the State Capitol. We invite you to stop by and see first hand the services that we provide to various agencies.

We are confident this gathering will empower everyone who attends to use technology effectively to generate greater efficiencies, increase cost savings, and deliver even higher levels of constituent satisfaction.

Go to www.nebraska.gov/event/ for more information.

Agencies Showcasing their Online Services

Nebraska Secretary of State

Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles

Administrative Office of the Courts

Nebraska Board of Public Accountancy

Nebraska Board of Engineers & Architects

Nebraska State Branding Committee

Nebraska State Electrical Division

Nebraska Commission of the Blind & Visually Impaired

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Projects in the Pipeline

LCC – Online Beer Reporting

The Nebraska Liquor Control Commission is preparing to offer a system that will allow the beer wholesalers to file their monthly reports electronically. This system will save the commission many hours of staff time, as manual calculations will no longer be necessary. Nebraska.gov will work with the agency to train the wholesalers as they prepare to submit their reports online.

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